

REOPENING RESEARCH LABS AT CAU: NEW HAZARD SOP TRAINING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The following questions were asked and answered during the SOP training and are being provided here for your convenience.

1. Will these protocols and procedures be applied to computer labs?
 - a. No. These procedures are specific to the R&D labs in the Cole building. Academic lab COVID-19 related procedures will be provided by the appropriate offices at a later date.
2. Where can students locate the recording of this training?
 - a. This recording will be posted on the RSP website.
3. What about people who did not receive the invitation to participate in the training session?
 - a. Pls were asked to submit names of all lab personnel. Those that did not receive invitations can review the recording and then submit the required certification.
4. How can a collaborator from another campus get approved for working in our lab?
 - a. Pls should follow the general guidance for campus visitors provided by HR.
5. Is RSP going to provide masks for lab personnel?
 - a. RSP purchased PPE for all lab personnel working on active R&D awards.
6. Who is required to take blood borne pathogens course?
 - a. All researchers working with infectious materials and those that received an email reminder from the lab safety manager in April 2020.
7. Does anyone working in a lab need to get tested and get a certificate for COVID-19 before starting work in lab?
 - a. Yes. All employees must be tested for COVID-19 by dates provided by HR before returning to labs. Renovations must be completed before one can return to labs in the Science Research Center.
8. Do we use one disposable lab coat per day?
 - a. No. The lab coats that RSP purchased are reusable. We ask that you wash them daily.
9. What is the maximum capacity allowed in the Science Research Center per day?
 - a. Only faculty and staff working on active R&D awards and who have tested negative for COVID-19 will be approved to work in the Science Research Center after renovations have been completed. After training, testing and renovations are completed, the University will have a better understanding of the number of persons that will be allowed in the building and in the labs.
10. We have an instrument that requires an engineer to come and install. When the campus is open, what will be the process?
 - a. One-time campus visits are coordinated with the Office of Public Safety. Email the Associate Vice President of RSP to coordinate these types of visits.
11. Will you have lab-coats available among your PPE stock?
 - a. Yes, but a limited quantity.
12. Will there be location to wash coat on canvas?
 - a. No, at this point, we ask that you wash your coat daily, off site.
13. I'm from the Chemistry Department and I usually need to use two to three labs. What is the policy for that?
 - a. Pls must develop a monthly staff schedule for each of their labs. Review the SOP PPT training for detailed guidance.
14. I need to complete "Security Awareness Fundamentals" but the link is not working, what to do?
 - a. Email the lab safety manager for the url address.
15. What about shipping and receiving?
 - a. Previously identified essential personnel are actively managing those offices.
16. Do our existing iLabs accounts still work?
 - a. Yes, check with Dr. Guangchang Zhou gzhou@cau.edu to confirm.